

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 46 have been rejected under §§ 102 and 103. These claims have been cancelled.

Submitted herewith are new claims which Applicants believe define patentable subject matter.

§ 102 Rejection

Claims 1 - 13, 16 - 19, 21 - 24, and 37 - 46 have been rejected under § 102 based on Kenison et al (U.S. 2002 133942 "Kenison"). These claims have been cancelled.

New independent claims presented here correspond roughly to now-canceled claims as follows:

New Claim	Old Claim
47	1
59	22
60	23
72	35
74	42
78	46

The new claims have these limitations:

- a recess at an end surface of an end of the member
- the recess has two walls extending from a bottom
- the two walls are defined by the body

The remaining claims, by dependency from new independent claims, recite these same limitations.

New independent claim 79 recites the limitations that:

- the recess is adjacent a non-threaded portion of the member
- the recess is at an end surface of one end of the member

New independent claim 80 recites the limitations that:

- the recess is in a shoulder of the member
- the recess has two spaced-apart walls defined by portions of the body
- the recess is at an end surface of the shoulder

Kenison has no teaching or suggestion of a member with a recess as now claimed herein. The slot 508 in Fig. 2X of Kenison does not have two walls nor does it have two walls defined by a body of a member as now claimed herein. Kenison neither teaches nor suggests an opening between two walls at an end surface of a member as now claimed herein.

Regarding new claim 79, Kenison does not address location of a recess with respect to threads on a member and Kenison has no teaching or suggestion of locating a recess (as claimed herein) adjacent a non-threaded portion of a member.

Regarding new claim 80, Kenison has no teaching or suggestion of a recess located in a shoulder of a member with an opening located as now claimed in new claim 80.

None of the cited references has any teaching or suggestion of the limitations in the new claims discussed above.

Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims discussed above are not anticipated by Kenison and that these claims define subject matter patentable over Kenison.

§ 103 Rejection

Claims 14, 15, and 20 have been rejected under § 103 based on Kenison; and claims 25 - 34 and 36 have been rejected under § 103 based on Kenison in view of Strassner et al (U.S. 2002 0014966, "Strassner"). These claims have been canceled.

New claims presented here correspond to these now-canceled old claims as follows:

New Claim	Old Claim
55	14
-	15
-	20
62	25
63	26
64	27
65	28
66	29
67	30
68	31
69	32
70	33
71	34
73	36

All of these new claims depend from new independent claims discussed above and have the limitations discussed above for new independent claims.

Applicants repeat here the comments above regarding the new independent claims and the Kenison reference. Strassner does not remedy the deficiencies of Kenison. Strassner has no teaching or suggestion of any of the limitations discussed above.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims discussed here define nonobvious, patentable subject matter.

Claim Objections

Claims 8, 28, 30, 33, and 41, objected to for various reasons, have been canceled. No new claims are submitted directly corresponding to now-canceled claims 8 and 41. New claims corresponding to certain of these claims - 65 (Claim 28); 67 (Claim 30); 70 (Claim 33); and 78 (Claim 46) - have been rewritten to address each objection.

Conclusion

Applicants appreciate the careful and detailed Office Action. This is intended to be a complete Response to the Office Action. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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